

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“ ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“~~—~~”) being deleted:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the contact information includes at least one of an email address, a name, a residential address, a business address, a company name, a business phone number, a home phone number a mobile phone number, and a fax number.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the user database machine has a directory structure for associating a user with the computing device.
5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the computing device comprises a storage device for storing the address book.
6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the computing device is a pager.

7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the external network is the Internet.
9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein at least one of contact information and messaging data may be modified on the communications system via the computing device.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the address book may be modified via the Internet.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the address book may be modified via a wireless device.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein modifying the address book includes at least one of the following: changing the entry, deleting the entry, and adding the entry.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
verifying a user's status before allowing the user to modify the address book.
15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the wireless device is a pager.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the contact information includes at least one of an email address, a name, a residential address, a business address, a company name, a business phone number, a home phone number, a mobile phone number, and a fax number.

18. – 29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) A communications system, comprising:
at least one user database machine configured to receive and store contact information;
and
at least one message storage device configured to store messaging data; and
wherein the communications system is further configured to serve as a gateway between the wireless network and the external network, and receive and store contact information between the wireless network and the external network, and
wherein the communications system is configured to transmit data between the gateway and at least one computing device coupled to at least one of a wireless network and an external network.

31. (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 30, further comprising at least one protocol handler coupled to the at least one user database machine, the at least one protocol handler configured to process data stored in the at least one database machine.

32. (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 30, further comprising at least one router coupled to the at least one protocol handler, the at least one router configured to communicate with the at least one protocol handler.

33. (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 30, further comprising at least one internal network configured to facilitate data communication with the communications system.

34. (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 30, further comprising a wireless communication network coupled to the communications system, the communication network configured to transfer data between the communications system and at least one wireless device.

35. (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 30, further comprising an external network.

36. (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 30, wherein the computing device operates wirelessly.

37. (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 30, wherein the transmitting device is configured to utilize a wireless protocol to communicate contact information with a wireless device.

38. (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 30, further configured to determine at least one property of the at least one computing device, and adapt to communicate with the computing device.

39. (Previously Presented) The communications system of claim 30, further configured to update the computing device in response to at least one of a predetermined amount of time, a user request, and a modification of the contact information.

40. – 66. (Cancelled)